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June 8, 1984

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Your reference [redacted]

Mr. Larry R. Strawderman
Information & Privacy Coordinator
C.I.A.
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Thank you for your letter of April 23 1984 granting a waiver of search fees in connection with our request for files on the U.S. Labor Party.

You explained that you will search for records indexed under the terms U.S. Labor Party, the National Democratic Policy Committee, the Executive Intelligence Review, and Mr. Lyndon H. La Rouché, Jr.

I would appreciate it if you would add two terms to this list: "National Caucus of Labor Committees" and "New Solidarity." The NCLC is Mr. La Rouché's "core" organization and has subsisted through the creation and demise of many of his more ephemeral organizations and fronts. New Solidarity is the newspaper of Mr. La Rouché's organization and has been published since the late 1960s or early 1970s.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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for the Center for
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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of 13 April 1984 was received on 17 April 1984. This letter presented an appeal based upon our constructive denial of your Freedom of Information Act request for various records (as described) pertaining to the U.S. Labor Party and Mr. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Accordingly, arrangements will be made for consideration of your appeal by the CIA Information Review Committee, and you will be informed of the determination made.

Because our ability to recover records on particular topics is limited to the manner in which records are indexed, our search for records responsive to your request will be limited to records recoverable by search under the U.S. Labor Party, the National Democratic Policy Committee, the Executive Intelligence Review, and Mr. Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Your request for a fee waiver for the cost of searching these topics has been considered and is hereby granted.

In order to process appeals in the most equitable manner possible, we have adopted the policy of treating appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. To date, we have approximately 125 appeals awaiting completion. While some delay in our response must be expected, we can assure you that you will be advised of the outcome as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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April 13, 1984

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Your Reference



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Information & Privacy
Coordinator
C.I.A.
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is an appeal pursuant to subsection (a)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552).

On March 22, 1984, I requested from your agency copies of communications between any CIA employees and representatives of the U.S. Labor Party and/or Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. A copy of the request is enclosed.

As you know, the FOIA provides that an agency must make a determination on whether to comply with a request within ten working days. To date, we have received a March 29, 1984 letter acknowledging receipt of our request. A copy of that acknowledgement is enclosed. As ten days have now elapsed, I am treating your failure to make a substantive response to my request as a denial of my request. This letter is a formal appeal of that denial.

As a rule we have been willing to disregard the ten day time limit, but in this case the public interest in and importance of the subject matter makes a timely response essential if the information requested is to be useful.

As provided in the Act, I will expect a reply to this appeal within twenty working days.

Sincerely,



for the Center for National
Security Studies

Enclosures: March 22, 1984 FOIA request from CNSS
March 29, 1984 letter from CIA to CNSS

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of March 22, 1984 requesting documents under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act has been received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator. Our analysts will review your request, and we will be in touch with you and advise of any problems we have encountered, or whether we can search for documents without any additional information.

Your request has been assigned Reference No. [Redacted] for identification purposes.

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Sincerely,

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Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Center for National Security Studies

March 22, 1984

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In reply,

Information & Privacy
Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request on behalf of the Center for National Security Studies under the amended Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

I write to request:

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1. all memoranda and other records, including telephone and appointment logs, concerning meetings or discussions between any CIA employees and representatives of the U.S. Labor Party. By "U.S. Labor Party" I mean an organization or organizations headed by Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. and also known as the National Democratic Policy Committee, the LaRouche presidential campaign, Executive Intelligence Review, and other names. I believe this sufficiently describes the organization and that it is known to the CIA. Please let me know if you feel you need additional identifying information.

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2. all information, letters and other documents provided by representatives of the U.S. Labor Party to the CIA or any of its employees.

3. all records in the possession of the CIA that provide back-ground or other information on, or otherwise discuss, the U.S. Labor Party or Mr. LaRouche.

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As you know, the amended Act requires you to waive or reduce search and copying fees when release of the information is in the public interest. I believe this request plainly fits that category as described in the fee waiver policy guidance issued by the Justice Department on January 7, 1983. The records requested are of genuine public interest, and I believe they contain new and valuable information about government activities that we can and will effectively convey to the public. Finally, I am requesting the records for public and not personal benefit. I therefore request that you waive all fees.

If all or any part of my request is denied, please list the specific exemption(s) which is being claimed for withholding the information.

If you determine that some portions of the requested material are exempt, I will expect, as the Act provides, that you will provide me with the remaining non-exempt portions. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information and expect that you will list the address and office to which such an appeal may be directed.

As provided for in the amended Act, I will expect a reply within ten working days.

Please phone me at if you have questions regarding this request.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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